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Procès-verbal approuvé de la deuxième session de la Commission mixte États-Unis-Inde relative à la coopération économique, commerciale, scientifique, technique, éducative et culturelle tenue à Washington les 6 et 7 octobre 1975 (avec annexes). Signé à Washington le 7 octobre 1975

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AGREED MINUTES¹ OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE UNITED STATES-INDIA JOINT COMMISSION

The second session of the United States-India Joint Commission on Economic, Commercial, Scientific, Technological, Educational and Cultural Cooperation was held in Washington on October 6 and 7, 1975.

The Delegation of the United States was headed by Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, the Secretary of State, and the Indian Delegation was led by Mr. Y. B. Chavan, Minister of External Affairs. The lists of the two Delegations are given in Annexes 1 and 2.

The Joint Commission considered and approved recommendations and reports developed in this year's sessions of the three Subcommissions, and gave directions as to future initiatives within the Joint Commission framework.

ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS

The Joint Commission was pleased to take note of the fact that the Subcommission on Economic and Commercial matters has, subsequent to its first meeting in January 1975, initiated action in several directions to strengthen and promote economic and commercial relations between the two countries.

Trade

The Joint Commission reviewed trade relations and agreed to take joint measures to promote a substantial increase in United States-Indian trade in the next few years, an increase characterized by both expanding volume and diversity of product range. The Joint Commission noted that to this end steps are being taken by the United States side to eliminate certain tariff barriers in the context of the Generalized System of Preferences and that action is being taken by the Indian side to provide information on its import policy relating to export items of interest to the United States. The Joint Commission also looked forward to concrete results from the multilateral efforts being made to reduce tariff and non-tariff barriers within the Multilateral Trade Negotiations in Geneva. Recent United States trade policy developments and Indian surveys of the United States market are expected to improve opportunities in the United States market for Indian exporters. Indian GSP product lists have been received and are under study in the concerned Departments of the Government of the United States in the context of the Trade Act of 1974 in pursuit of the United States commitment therein to assure an expanded access to the United States market by trading partners among developing countries. A list of Tropical Products of interest to India in the Multilateral Trade Negotiations has also been received to enable the United States to respond to specific Indian requests in the MTN. Expected new initiatives in the Indian market by United States traders should broaden the sale of United States inputs in that market.

This expansion is expected to be spearheaded by increased Indian exports of modern industrial machinery and equipment and other non-traditional manufactured exports and on the United States side by high-technology products and capital equipment of priority interest to India.

To further stimulate trade expansion, the Joint Commission encouraged trade promotion events which would include trade missions, trade shows, and exhibits and catalog shows centered on target industries.

¹ Came into force on 7 October 1975 by signature.

The Joint Commission reviewed the status of trade-related consultations and actions arising from the January, 1975, Economic and Commercial Subcommittee meeting and noted with satisfaction that progress had been made. Effective and timely consultations in such diverse areas as the mica trade, United States sanitary regulations, and individual investment problems of United States firms in India have been useful. Regular procedures for the exchange of marketing information have been established and useful data exchanged. An Indian engineering products survey team also visited the United States in September, 1975.

Investment

The Joint Commission discussed issues relating to United States investment in India. The Indian side explained that the Government of India welcomes foreign investment in areas with high export potential and in those calling for the import of sophisticated new technology not now available in India. The Indian side has also made available to the United States side lists of industries in which United States technical and financial collaboration would be welcome, such as:

- production of selected drugs and pesticides;
- manufacture of newsprint and special varieties of paper from short-fiber hard wood;
- manufacture of special purpose machine tools; and
- mineral development, with the understanding that ownership of India's mineral resources by a foreign investor would not be permitted.

The Joint Commission agreed that steps should be taken to bring investment opportunities in such fields to the attention of appropriate United States firms.

The Joint Commission decided to establish continuing points of contact for discussions of specific problems of United States and Indian firms relating to trade and investment. Therefore, the Joint Commission directed that the contact points for these discussions be the Office of the United States Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Commercial and Special Bilateral Affairs and the Offices of the Minister of Economic Affairs and of the Minister of Commerce and Supply in the Indian Embassy. The Joint Commission further directed that in New Delhi, appropriate United States Embassy officials would discuss the issues with key officials to be designated by the Government of India.

Joint Business Council

The Joint Commission welcomes the steps taken to establish a Joint Business Council, consisting of business leaders of both countries, as a forum for developing industrial and commercial cooperation between the two countries. The Joint Commission noted that the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in association with public sector organizations have agreed to participate in the organization and work of the Council. Underlining the importance of this initiative, the Joint Commission expressed satisfaction that such eminent personalities as Mr. Orville Freeman and Mr. Harish Mahindra will serve as Chairmen for their respective sides on the Council.

The Joint Business Council would provide a forum to publicize mutually beneficial trade and investment opportunities as they arise and for disseminating information on third country joint venture opportunities.

The first meeting of the Council will take place in New Delhi on February 2-4, 1976.

Working Group on Industrial Cooperation

The Joint Commission directed the Economic and Commercial Subcommittee to consider establishing an official working group on industrial cooperation for identifying specific major capital projects and for promoting industrial cooperation.

The Working Group would also identify and promote joint industrial ventures in third countries involving Indian manufacturing and consultant services. It was confirmed that the United States Overseas Private Investment Corporation was prepared to play the major role on the United States side.

Agriculture Inputs Working Group

The Joint Commission, noting the role of agriculture in the United States and Indian economies, received reports on the meetings of the Agriculture Inputs Working Group on United States and world fertilizer price and supply patterns, Indian fertilizer production developments, and Indian fertilizer and pesticide requirements. The Joint Commission welcomed the recommendations of the Group concerning the organization of an international seminar on fertilizer usage, the encouragement of United States-Indian collaboration in fertilizer projects in third countries, and Indian-United States cooperation in fertilizer research. The Joint Commission directed the Working Group to continue its efforts, on a regular basis, for more effective collaboration and exchange of information on agricultural inputs.

Tax Treaty

Plans for initial discussions on a proposed tax treaty were received by the Joint Commission. It was noted that representatives of the two Governments would meet in Washington on October 16-17, 1975, to discuss this matter.

Economic and Commercial Subcommittee Meeting

The Economic and Commercial Subcommittee reported that it would meet in New Delhi in March 1976, following the New Delhi meeting of the Joint Business Council.

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The Joint Commission approved the establishment of a joint committee on museums which will participate in planning museum-related activities, including the American and Indian impact exhibits and the "Museums as Educational Resources" seminar. The American panel of the committee met in New York on September 25 and the full joint committee is expected to meet in New Delhi in January or February.

The Joint Commission reviewed preparations for the first two joint seminars; one on "Museums as Educational Resources" and the other on "Methods in History, Old and New". The Joint Commission also approved a proposal for two other seminars to be held in 1976: one on "Educational Technology" to be held in the United States and the other on "Linkages of Agriculture and Education" to be held in India.

The Joint Commission endorsed the idea of the Subcommittee for visitorships and scholarships as an addition to existing exchange programs. It also instructed the Subcommittee to take steps to identify areas of interest or priority and to begin an exchange of visitorships on either side. The Joint Commission agreed that as a beginning, 10 scholarships would be awarded each year to United States and Indian scholars, respectively, with the objective being eventually to expand the number of scholarships available each year. The Subcommittee was instructed to set up appropriate modalities for the selection and placement of scholars and visitors.

The Joint Commission approved the idea of a major impact exhibition of Indian culture and traditions and contemporary and folk art. It is hoped this could be held in the United States in 1977. The Joint Commission noted that museums in Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, New York City, Los Angeles and Denver had expressed an interest in showing such an exhibit. The Joint Commission noted that plans are also under study for a comparable presentation of United States culture across a broad range of fine arts, modern design and folk art. It is hoped this could be sent to India in 1978.

The Joint Commission endorsed the program of exchange of educational technology and educational materials such as films, audio-visual and TV materials and video tapes. The Joint Commission also endorsed the recommendation of the Subcommittee on exchange of short films for non-commercial channels and noted that United States authorities had sent catalogs of films to India.

Finally, the Joint Commission approved the establishment of the United States Secretariat of the Subcommittee on Education and Culture at the Asia Society in New York and the Indian Secretariat of the Subcommittee at the Indian Council for Cultural Relations in New Delhi. It instructed the Subcommittee to move forward with plans to have a Subcommittee meeting in New York May 4-6, 1976.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AFFAIRS

The Joint Commission confirmed the interest of both countries in intensifying their cooperation in scientific and technological research. It received reports by the Science and Technology Subcommittee on prospects for furthering cooperation in the priority areas agreed upon at the January, 1975, Science and Technology Subcommittee meeting (Agriculture, Energy and Natural Resources, Health, Electronics and Communications, Environment and Exchanges of Scientists and Information).

The Joint Commission noted with satisfaction that, since the Science and Technology Subcommittee meeting in January of 1975, more than 20 projects have been approved by both Governments. Both Governments also have exchanged information and proposals relating to cooperation in the priority areas.

The Joint Commission directed that the Subcommittee expedite its efforts to seek agreement on other concrete projects in the priority areas. Both Governments would take steps to facilitate visits to the United States and India by scientists working on projects within the Joint Commission framework. Both Governments [would] also encourage the development of scientific co-operation between the United States National Academy of Science and the Indian National Science Academy.

The Joint Commission noted the history of long cooperation between the United States and India in science and technology emphasizing the tangible benefits to both countries that have occurred over the past 15 years of collaborative research efforts. The Joint Commission stressed that the cooperative programs, projects and activities developed and implemented by agreement of the two Governments meet the test of mutual benefit and their implementation will receive full endorsement of both the Governments.

The Joint Commission directed the Subcommittee on Science and Technology to meet in New Delhi in the first half of December, 1975.

DONE in Washington on the 7th of October, 1975, in duplicate copies in English, both being equally authentic.

Leader of the United States Delegation:

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HENRY A. KISSINGER
Secretary of State

Leader of the Indian Delegation:

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Y. B. CHAVAN
Minister of External Affairs

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UNITED STATES-INDIAN JOINT COMMISSION
(Washington, October 6-7, 1975)

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UNITED STATES-INDIAN JOINT COMMISSION

*(Washington, October 6-7, 1975)**Indian Delegation*

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